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Application Number.....09/769,917  
In re Application of.....Noriaki MATSUI, Nobuo MATSUOKA, Toshio HAYASHI,  
Junichi KISHIMOTO, Katsuhiro ISHIDO, and Satoru KIJIMA  
Title of the Invention .....

IMAGE READING APPARATUS, COMPOSITE  
APPARATUS USING THE IMAGE READING  
APPARATUS, AND CONTROL APPARATUS AND  
METHOD FOR THE IMAGE READING APPARATUS  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

March 23, 2004

Dear Sir,

The Applicants submit this Preliminary Amendment dated March 23, 2004. Please amend the application in the following manner. For the Examiner's convenience:

- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this Preliminary Amendment;
- **Remarks** begin on page 12 of this Preliminary Amendment; and
- **Authorization** to charge additional fees to a Deposit Account is on page 13 of this Preliminary Amendment.